

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LAURIE MATHEWS,
COLORADO STATE PARKS DIRECTOR

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and say goodbye to a nationally recognized leader in outdoor recreation. Laurie Mathews announced her departure from the Colorado State Parks system, after a decade long tenure as its director. The state of Colorado will miss Laurie's leadership as well as her dedication to the park system in Colorado.

During her ten years with the state parks, Laurie helped bolster environmental and interpretation, adding 30 seasonal interpreters, while developing programs that reach more than one million visitors per year. The State Trails program under Laurie's leadership grew to more than \$4 million dollars annually. "The people of Colorado have been lucky to have Laurie Mathews at the helm of the State Parks for the past decade, a time of transition for the State Parks system into a national model," said Governor Bill Owens. "On behalf of the people of Colorado, I want to thank Laurie for her significant contributions to our beautiful state."

Laurie oversaw the addition of 25,000 acres, worth \$54 million to the State Park system as well as an initiative to improve staffing levels and customer service throughout the state. She also created the Crown Jewel initiative, which brokered the cost share with the Bureau of Reclamation that brought over \$40 million in renovation to Colorado State Parks, and oversaw the construction of 19 new visitor centers.

"The last ten years have been a remarkable experience for me. I am very proud of the accomplishments I've been fortunate enough to be part of, from the addition of incredible new park lands and buffer lands to new visitors centers the people of Colorado will be able to enjoy for generations," said Laurie. "What I will miss most are the wonderful people who work for Colorado State Parks. I am honored to have been part of such a strong and talented team."

Mr. Speaker, the people of Colorado will miss Laurie's leadership greatly. She has done so much for the beauty of Colorado and for its citizens. For that I would like to say thanks and wish her good luck in her new career with the Himalayan Dental Relief Project in Nepal. I know she will excel just as she did with the Colorado State Parks system.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of St. Anthony's Church. The church will celebrate its centennial anniversary on May 6, 2001 with the Mass of Thanksgiving at twelve noon.

What was originally established as a church for Italian immigrants has become a church that ministers to a largely Hispanic community.

The church was founded by Bishop John O'Connor on April 7, 1901. The first church was established in a rented store by Reverend Peter A. Catalano, the church's first pastor. Shortly thereafter, on June 24, a small wood-framed Protestant church was purchased and dedicated as Saint Anthony's Church.

In January, 1935, both the church and rectory were destroyed by a devastating fire. In June of that year, on the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, the first mass was celebrated in the new church, which was conducted by Father John J. Rongetti, the parish's second pastor. Father Rongetti served the parish until his death on May 4, 1947. The church was then served by Father David Cassazza until he was recalled to active military duty as a Naval Chaplain in September, 1950. For the next twenty-six years, Reverend Michael A. Calabrese served loyally and faithfully until his death on May 24, 1976.

Archbishop Peter L. Gerety appointed Reverend Anthony F. Granato as administrator and pastor on October 17, 1977. During his tenure, Reverend Granato formed the church's pastoral council and revised the religious program. Through the work of loyal parishioners and financed through such activities as bingo, raffles, and various fundraisers, the church and other parish buildings were renovated.

In the past century, the church has gone through several structural and demographic changes but continues to serve the faithful parishioners of East Newark, New Jersey.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of St. Anthony's Church.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY
REMEMBERS PAUL PINTELLA

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak today in recognition of Paul Pintella, who was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton for more than two decades. His passing will be a great loss to the citizens of Trenton and to the State.

Mr. Pintella joined the League as youth director after the city's 1968 race riots and is best known for working on youth programs. The Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton is one of 112 affiliates of the National Urban League and is the city's most visible nonprofit organizations. Urban League programs ranged from summer camps for city children to housing development.

Paul was a tireless worker, dedicated to following through on his commitments. Last October, the Urban League unveiled 19 houses that it had built or renovated. This was a project Pintella spearheaded and he consequently received the Citizen of the Year Award by the Trenton Council of Civic Associations.

Mayor Douglas H. Palmer called Pintella an inspiration. "I've always looked to Paul Pintella as a person who cared deeply for Trenton and spent his entire life trying to make conditions better for people in his city. I'm deeply saddened by his loss, and it's my hope that others in the community will pick up the torch that Mr. Pintella has carried all of his life."

I have the same hope and I urge all my colleagues to join me today in recognizing an outstanding citizen.

TRIBUTE TO PAT DUBE, 2001 VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the Visiting Nurse Association of America is an organization with a noble mission: to bring compassionate health care to patients and their families in their homes. As a non-profit, community-based association, the VNAA leads the profession of home health care by providing quality attention and aid to all its patients across the United States.

Each year, the VNAA recognizes outstanding individuals who strive to advance Visiting Nurse Agencies and the home health care industry as a whole. As the VNAA culminates its 19th Annual Meeting and Exhibition with its Awards Presentation, they have chosen to honor Pat Dube as the 2001 VNAA Program Manager of the Year.

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment to the vision and principles of the VNAA, Pat Dube has devoted twenty-five years to the Visiting Nurse Agencies mission of providing quality home health care services. As a community health nurse, Pat worked tirelessly to organize outreach programs for southeast Michigan's homeless population. Working to raise the standard of care for Metro Detroit's homeless, she volunteered her time to raise funds and promote awareness throughout the community. Her leadership efforts as VNA Communicable Disease Program

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Manager have led to new, innovative programs created to meet the needs of homeless patients and new bridges of communication with other assistance-based organizations. Recognized as VNAA's 2001 Program Manager of the Year, Pat Dube's distinguished service and remarkable dedication to improving the lives of patients across southeastern Michigan will continue to serve as an example to communities nationwide.

I applaud the Visiting Nurses Association of America and Pat Dube for their leadership, commitment, and service. I know that Pat is honored by this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary years of care and service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Vote Number 96, I mistakenly voted "no". I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 10, the Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act of 2001 and strongly support its enactment.

My vote on final passage should have been "Yea".

IN RECOGNITION OF CARLOS SANTOS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carlos Santos, who is a candidate for District Governor of the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club. Mr. Santos has been an extraordinarily dedicated member of the Portuguese American community and the community of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Carlos Santos has served in a number of organizations within the local and national Portuguese community. He served as president of the Portuguese American Citizens Club of Elizabeth and president of the Elizabeth Portuguese Sports Club since 1994, and as both former president and vice-president of the Portuguese Instructive Social Club. In addition, he serves in the Portuguese American Congress and on the Portuguese American Leadership Council of United States, Inc. He is currently the Treasurer for the Portuguese Heritage Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Santos is also the Mayor's Liaison to the Planning Board of the City of Elizabeth, and he is a founding member of the Chave Business Organization of Elizabeth. Mr. Santos serves on a number of professional councils, including the New Jersey State Council of Electrical Contractors Association, the Union County Electrical Contractors Association, and the Economic Inclusion Council of Union County. Since 1995, Mr. Santos has served on the Building Construction Advisor Council of the Hudson County School of Technology.

A member of the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club since 1990, Mr. Santos has served on the Membership Committee since 1995.

From 1994 to 1995, he served as the group's president. In his tenure with the Lions, he has received a number of awards from the group, including the 100% President Award.

Carlos Santos is also the owner and president of Advent Electric, Inc. He resides in Elizabeth with his wife Manuela and his children Tony, Mary, Carla, and Carlos Jr. He is a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Elizabeth, where he served on the Parish Council from 1991 to 1994.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Carlos Santos for his involvement in the community of Elizabeth and for his contributions to the Portuguese American community.

JOHN L. MCGUIRE IS HONORED BY CENTRAL NEW JERSEY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of the House Dr. John L. McGuire, who will receive the 2001 Hunterdon Distinguished Citizen Award given by the Central New Jersey Boy Scouts of America for his dedication to community service and citizenship.

The Distinguished Citizen Award is presented to the individuals who exemplify in their daily life the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America. The recipients are chosen for their outstanding character, citizenship and personal fitness as well as their leadership and respect in the community.

Following graduation from Princeton University in 1969, Dr. McGuire has had a long and distinguished career with Johnson & Johnson. He is currently Vice President of Licensing and Acquisitions in the Pharmaceutical Group. Dr. McGuire has served on the Board of Directors of Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation and the Robert Wood Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute. He is a member of numerous scientific societies and has served as consultant to NASA. He has published over 200 papers during his career.

Dr. McGuire has also been active in community affairs. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hunterdon Healthcare System since 1991 and as Chairman of Hunterdon Medical Center. He is Vice Chairman at the Raritan Valley Community College and is President of the Board of Trustees at the Pennington School. He is President of the Central New Jersey Scout Council and previously served as President of the United Way of Hunterdon County. He is recipient of scouting's Distinguished Eagle Scout Award and its Silver Beaver Award as well as the Rolling Hills Girl Scout Council's President's Award for service to youth and community.

Dr. McGuire has served his community well and deserves recognition for his years of dedication to the Boy Scouts of America and his community. I urge all my colleagues to join me today in acknowledging Dr. McGuire's accomplishments and contributions to New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE ANTHONY SANFEMIO "ITALIAN AMERICAN OF THE YEAR"

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the Italian Study Group of Troy is a non-profit educational organization whose purpose is to promote and preserve the Italian-American heritage through language, culture, music, and social events. Each year the Italian Study Group of Troy holds its annual Festa Italiano, honoring distinguished Italian-Americans in the community who have shown outstanding support and activism in their local community. On Sunday, April 29, as the Italian Study Group celebrated its 27th Annual Festa Italiano, they recognized the Honorable Anthony Sanfemio as "Italian American of the Year".

President of the Italian American Cultural Society and a distinguished businessman, Anthony Sanfemio has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to both the Italian and American communities. Born in Pacentro, Italy and emigrating to the United States in 1935, Anthony's interest in social and civic activism has led him to become a true pillar of society. His hard work and innovative ideas earned him recognition by the Clinton Township Economic Development Corporation in 1966, who honored him with a Pioneer Award for his substantial contributions in commercial development. Serving in several civic positions, including 12 years as commissioner on the Detroit Water and Sewer board, Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem for the city of East Detroit, and an appointment to the Small Business Administration by former President Nixon, Anthony's distinguished service continues today, as he is the current President of the Centaur Building Corporation.

Faithfully committed to the preservation of Italian heritage and the advancement of the Italian American community as well, Anthony Sanfemio dedicates his time and talents to serving on the boards and committees of several Italian American organizations. As an active member of the Americans of Italian Origin Society, Club Pacentro, the Italian American Chamber of Commerce, AMICUS Club and the Columbus Day Committee, Anthony Sanfemio's tireless efforts within his community and beyond have truly earned him this year's distinguished title as "Italian American of the Year."

I applaud the Italian Study Group of Troy and the Honorable Anthony Sanfemio for their leadership, commitment, and service. I know that Anthony is honored by this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of leadership and service.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF 4-H PROGRAM

HON. WES WATKINS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to commend the 4-H Youth Development Program for a very successful one

hundred years of promoting positive youth activities. I was a proud member of the Bennington 4-H club, and I have very fond memories of my boyhood activities that I pursued through the 4-H program.

4-H was an excellent stepping stone to future achievements for me. 4-H taught me to set goals and then provided me with the tools and developed those talents needed to achieve my goals. In the same fashion, 4-H has continued to produce powerful and positive members.

In addition to a wonderful membership, the 4-H has a real strength in the Extension Agents and 4-H advisors around the world. These people are heroes and role models to our young people and should be recognized as such. Giving up much personal time and effort to promote the dreams and achievements of today's young people, Extension Agents and 4-H advisors are true examples of service to others.

As a former member of the House Appropriations Committee, I was proud to lend my support to measures that extended or enhanced funding to promote the 4-H. I have been very supportive of this remarkable organization in the past, and I will continue to be in the future.

Mr. Speaker, the 4-H is one of the premier youth organizations of the world. The 4-H motto is, "to make the best better." I believe the 4-H is truly one of the best, and I look forward to watching this ever-changing and evolving program become even better.

INTRODUCTION OF THE URBAN SPRAWL AND SMART GROWTH STUDY ACT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Urban Sprawl and Smart Growth Study Act. This bill is designed to shine a bright light on the influence of federal actions on urban sprawl and assure that federal agencies consider how their actions may add to this problem.

Mr. Speaker, communities in Colorado and throughout the country are struggling to preserve their special character and quality of life in the face of burgeoning populations. The expected benefits of moderate, planned growth are being overtaken by the economic and environmental costs of rapid, unmanaged growth. Especially in the West and South, extreme population growth has resulted in the continual build-out of cities and the loss of surrounding farmland and open space.

In my state, this residential and commercial growth is also spreading along interstate highways into the mountain valleys and forested regions. The resulting sprawl is creating congested highways, more air pollution, greater energy consumption, overtaxed city services, and crowded schools and shopping centers. Local governments are facing rapidly increasing demands for costly public services that accompany such growth.

According to the recent census, Colorado is one of the most rapidly growing states. Between 1990 and 2000, the U.S. population grew by 13.1 percent. During the same period,

Colorado's growth was 30.6 percent! And in many of our counties the rate was even higher.

What does this mean? Let me highlight some issues that are occurring in my district north of Denver.

The growth of businesses and homes along US Highway 36, the major road between Denver and Boulder, is causing tremendous pressures on this roadway and greatly increasing congestion and traffic woes. The communities along its route are working together to address this problem, and I have been doing what I can to help by securing funds for the reconstruction of one of the more complex and troublesome overpasses near Broomfield. Clearly the Federal government can and should have a helpful role in addressing transportation issues like US Highway 36.

The growth has also created the risk that communities along Denver's Front Range will "grow together" and thereby create an unending metropolis from Fort Collins in the north to Colorado Springs in the south. The communities in this region are doing what they can to control this development and preserve their special character. But they could use help from the Federal government to make sure that Federal policies do not hamper their ability to keep their communities intact.

Indeed, these problems are neither inevitable nor incurable. Citizens in Colorado are asking their leaders to address the symptoms of sprawl and to help them control and manage growth more effectively. We got started with this effort in 1994, when then Governor Roy Romer initiated his "Smart Growth and Development Initiative." That initiative focused attention on the problems of sprawl, the unevenness of growth and development (some rural areas welcome more development), and the role of federal, state and local governments in creating and managing sprawl and its impacts.

Other states from North Carolina and Georgia to California and Oregon have been experiencing similar growth pressures. Many are developing processes and mechanisms to deal with these problems. Some states have used growth control legislation creating urban service areas. Others have relied on their local communities to slow down or temporarily cease the issuance of building permits. Many have appropriated funds or created sales tax initiatives to purchase and protect open spaces and agricultural lands.

All of this has been done with an understanding that state and local governments are the best place to plan for and manage growth and sprawl issues. Armed with zoning and other developing management authorities, they are best suited to gauge the pulse of their citizens and determine where, when, and how growth should best occur.

But the efforts of state, local and tribal governments to plan for and manage urban growth and sprawl can be thwarted by actions taken at the federal level. A well-developed plan by a local community can be swept aside by the routing of a major highway or the construction of a poorly sited post office. The cumulative effects of a number of small federal actions and policies together may create or foster the very sprawl that communities have fought so hard to control.

NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The bill I am introducing today is designed to focus attention on the many federal deci-

sions and projects that can either foster or ameliorate sprawl. It does this through the existing requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), one of our nation's premier environmental laws. NEPA requires all federal agencies to evaluate their proposed activities and projects for social and environmental impacts and to take timely steps to avoid or mitigate these impacts.

Specifically, since 1970 NEPA has required all federal agencies to include in the planning stages for all "major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment" a detailed statement by the responsible official on the environmental impacts of the proposed action, any adverse environmental effects that can't be avoided, alternatives to the action, the relationship between local short-term uses of the environment and the maintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity, and any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources should it be implemented.

This analysis is what is essentially required in an environmental impact statement (EIS). It is not the only document required for agency decision-making, but is meant to guide agencies to consider potential environmental impacts and alternatives in making important decisions.

Most federal agencies have done a reasonably good job in implementing NEPA. However, when it comes to considering the cumulative impacts and indirect effects of federal actions—such as on sprawl—much of the NEPA analysis has not been adequate. Too often, federal agencies look at the localized short-term impacts of a proposed project and neglect to review the broader "spill over" impacts that the activity may have on a region, especially when viewed cumulatively in relation to other ongoing or planned actions influencing regional growth and development.

This observation was in fact identified in a September 2000 General Accounting Office report entitled "Community Development: Local Growth Issues—Federal Opportunities and Challenges." This report looked at the various ways that federal actions can foster sprawl or assist communities to better address sprawl impacts.

The report also noted that although NEPA requires that federal agencies review the "indirect and cumulative" impacts of federal actions or projects (such as sprawl), often that review is rather thin and not well explored. The report noted that when it comes to evaluating the "indirect and cumulative" effects of proposed federal actions (such as highways), "few agencies consider the effect of a proposed [federal] project on growth" in their NEPA reviews.

Contributing to this weakness is the fact that Federal agencies often substitute a less rigorous environmental assessment (EA) for a full EIS. On average, in recent years, Federal agencies prepared 30,000 to 50,000 EAs annually compared to only 500 to 700 EISs.

An EA report is usually much shorter and less comprehensive than a full EIS. Generally, the purpose of the assessment is to help determine whether a proposed action would result in an impact significant enough to require preparation of an EIS. Unlike an EIS, however, the treatment of alternatives is often cursory. No formal public review or comment process is required for EAs. Indeed, it is often difficult to obtain a copy of an EA report, since

there is no requirement that it be made publicly available or sent to a public document repository.

CEQ STUDY

The bill that I am introducing today will address these problems. Specifically, this bill would direct the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the agency that implements NEPA, to study how well federal agencies have been evaluating sprawl impacts of proposed federal actions in conducting their environmental reviews.

CEQ has done this type of review in the past. In 1974, CEQ studied the impacts of sprawl and produced a widely-praised report entitled "The Costs of Sprawl." In 1981, the CEQ also looked at the loss of agricultural land due to sprawl in its "National Agricultural Lands Study."

My bill would require the CEQ to update these studies by reviewing a variety of recent EISs and EAs from at least 15 federal agencies. CEQ would analyze how well these documents have examined the impacts of proposed Federal actions on growth and urban sprawl.

Among the programs to be reviewed are land and facility management programs, such as those in the Departments of Interior, Agriculture and Defense and the General Services Administration. Also transportation programs, such as those of the Federal Highway Administration and other agencies within the Department of Transportation; infrastructure programs of agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers and some within the Environmental Protection Agency; regulatory programs, such as those of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and development assistance programs, such as those in the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Commerce, to name a few.

The bill further requires the CEQ to involve the public in this review by holding hearings in at least five different regions throughout the country that are experiencing an increase in urban sprawl. A city like Denver or Boulder would be a prime place, along with others in the northeast, south, mid and far west.

Within 18 months, the CEQ would be required to provide a report to the Congress on its review. This report would include findings concerning the economic, environmental and land use effects of urban sprawl. It would describe how well federal agencies have been examining the sprawl impacts of their actions and projects, and make recommendations on how their environmental reviews can be improved.

CEQ would also make recommendations for nonregulatory actions that Federal agencies can take to assist States and local communities in promoting the beneficial effects of smart growth and to minimize actions by the agencies that result in adverse effects of urban sprawl.

The bill would also require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide written comments of any proposed federal action or project on its potential for causing sprawl. This provision will clarify EPA's oversight role to make sure federal agencies are looking at the sprawl effects.

CONSULTATION

The bill also does one other very important thing. It would require greater interaction between the federal agencies and those persons affected by agency decisions.

Since the effect of federal actions or projects will be most acutely felt at the state and local level (including by Indian Tribes), it is critical that federal agencies work with these levels of government to ensure that potential growth and urban sprawl effects are addressed in Federal environmental reviews.

In that regard, the bill would require federal agencies to be more open early in the process of preparing EAs as well as EISs. Agencies would be required to notify persons that may be significantly affected by the proposed action, including each State and local government, Indian tribe and private property owner. Agencies must conduct discussions with such persons on their proposed actions and alternatives, and seek to address their concerns, if any.

This process would assure a more thorough NEPA analysis if a state governor or a lead local or tribal governmental official requested the preparation of a full EIS, due to the proposed project's impact on urban sprawl. Although the decision is not dictated by such a request, the agency would be required to give it great weight in deciding to whether to do an EIS.

Through this process, state, local and tribal governments gain extra power to make sure that the sprawl impacts of federal actions or projects are thoroughly identified and reviewed—and potentially mitigated or addressed. In so doing, the bill would help communities plan for and manage such impacts on their communities and also help federal agencies to develop actions and projects that do not exacerbate sprawl.

Obviously, this bill addresses just one federal dynamic related to sprawl. There are hosts of other ways that the federal government can help communities address sprawl issues and retain their quality of life. These include federal assistance for open space purchases, providing incentives to preserve and keep agricultural land productive, affordable housing assistance, alternative energy planning, mass transit options, and so on.

But the first step in helping communities grapple with growth and sprawl is to give them the tools they need and to make sure that proposed federal policies are not working at cross purposes. My bill is an attempt to increase the coordination between federal actions and local efforts so that communities can preserve the quality of life for their citizens and still grow in a positive, more sustainable and livable fashion. It is our obligation as federal officials to make sure the federal role is similarly positive, complementary and preserves our overall quality of life.

I submit a brief outline of the bill's provisions.

OVERVIEW—URBAN SPRAWL AND SMART GROWTH STUDY ACT (By Rep. Mark Udall) SUMMARY

Federal actions and projects can significantly impact the ability of States, Tribes and local governments to plan for and manage growth and urban sprawl. The Urban Sprawl and Smart Growth Study Act would help address these impacts in two ways:

- (1) Direct the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to review how well federal agencies are considering the impacts their actions have on urban growth and sprawl; and
- (2) Require Federal agencies to give greater weight to the input of state, local and tribal officials in considering these impacts.

BACKGROUND

One mechanism to address the federal role in sprawl is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This Act requires federal agencies to analyze the social and environmental impacts of major actions and to take timely steps to avoid or minimize these impacts. A September 2000 GAO report, "Community Development: Local Growth Issues—Federal Opportunities and Challenges," identified this mechanism and noted that federal agencies could do a better job of reviewing projects for sprawl impacts.

What the bill does:

Smart Growth Study: The bill would require the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to review environmental documents of at least 15 federal agencies and examine how well they are considering urban sprawl and growth impacts of their projects.

Public Participation: In conducting this review, CEQ would be required to hold at least 5 public hearings throughout the country to gather public input on the adequacy of the review of growth and sprawl impacts of federal action or projects.

Smart Growth Report: CEQ would be required to issue a report to Congress on its findings and make recommendations on how federal agencies could do better in incorporating potential sprawl impacts in environmental reviews.

Comments on Sprawl: EPA would be required to include written comments of sprawl impacts of federal actions or projects during the course of their reviews of Federal environmental documents.

State, Local and Tribal Governmental Consultation: In preparing environmental documents, federal agencies would notify affected state, local and tribal governments, who could then request that the agency conduct a more thorough environmental analysis under NEPA if the project would have an effect on sprawl. Federal agencies would be required to give great weight to such requests and document their decisions in writing.

What the bill does NOT do:

Amend or alter NEPA: The bill does not amend or otherwise alter NEPA and the rules and procedures adopted under this law.

Address the Totality of the Federal Role on Sprawl and Growth: The bill does not attempt to address the full range of federal policies and actions that can have effects on growth and sprawl; it focuses on the environmental analyses that are required under NEPA.

Overturn any particular Federal Action or Project: The bill does not overturn past Federal decisions, but would increase the coordination between federal actions and local efforts so that communities can preserve the quality of life for their citizens and still grow in a positive, more sustainable and livable fashion.

HONORING FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR DEANNA STRAND

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like Congress to take this moment to honor local flight instructor Deanna Strand who was named Federal Aviation Administration "Flight Instructor of the Year" in both the Salt Lake City District and the Northwest Mountain District. Deanna has been an instructor for 18 years, and wouldn't have it any other way.

Deanna has been around planes for more than 30 years, but her true passion has always been teaching. She owns and operates

her own school, Strand Flying School, where she teaches people from all over the world how to fly. "She's real patient. I've probably asked her the same questions five times, but she just tells me the answer again without getting mad," said Andrew Donnelly, a 15-year-old student.

She became so good at flying that the FAA asked her to become an examiner and perform final flight checks at the age of 29. She is one of only two pilots on the western slope to hold the position. In addition to the two FAA awards, Deanna is featured on the Discovery Wings Channel program "Aviatrrix".

"I have the most fun teaching and training," said Deanna. "It's fun for me because I get to see a student grow and develop in something they enjoy."

Mr. Speaker, Deanna has excelled at something that she enjoys very much. She is a world-renowned pilot and for that, I would like Congress to applaud her for everything she has accomplished and wish good luck in future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REVEREND LEON SULLIVAN

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an African-American legend: Reverend Leon Sullivan. Reverend Sullivan is a preacher, social activist and educator responsible for leading efforts to promote nonviolent social and economic change, and it is a privilege to be here today to pay my respect to such a great man.

Reverend Sullivan, the son of an elevator operator and a movie theater janitor, grew up in an impoverished and segregated community in Charleston, West Virginia, much like the neighborhood that was my home as a child.

After his grandmother's passing during his sophomore year in high school, Leon found his calling, and began to serve as pastor of two Charleston area churches. By the age of 17 he was ordained a minister.

While attending West Virginia State College a few years later on an athletic scholarship, Leon met the influential Congressman and pastor Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Powell, impressed by Leon's energy and enthusiasm, suggested he come to New York when he graduated. Leon did, and Powell helped arrange a job for him with Bell Telephone Company while he studied theology at Union Theological Seminary and sociology at Columbia University.

In New York, Leon also met A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters—the first recognized black-controlled trade union in America—and it was here that he became involved in the early Civil Rights Movement.

By 28, Leon was serving as pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia. It was here that he not only increased the church's membership from 600 to 6,000, but he also picked up the now famous name: the "Lion of Zion".

It was in Philadelphia that Leon also began his quest to create more jobs for minorities. He organized pastors from more than 400 black churches and implemented a strategy

called "selective patronage," which in effect meant "don't buy where you don't work."

It was through these boycotts that companies were forced to hire more minorities. Leon soon discovered, however, that more often than not the minority population was unprepared for the workplace. This prompted him to found the Opportunities Industrialization Center in 1964, which provided practical training for black Americans. Today, there are 76 centers in the United States and 33 centers in 18 different countries.

Appalled by the brutal apartheid policies in South Africa, Leon turned his attention to sub-Saharan Africa in the 1970s. Using leverage he gained as the first black appointed to the GMC board in 1971, Leon convinced the corporation to withdraw its business in South Africa. By 1977 he had formulated a set of ethical directives which stated specifically how American-owned companies doing business in South Africa ought to equitably treat and promote black South African workers.

Known as the "Sullivan Principles", these guidelines became a blueprint for ending apartheid in South Africa and economic injustice around the world. These principles have been adopted by the United Nations as an international ethical standard for multinational companies' roles in assuring human rights. By the 1980s, with apartheid still entrenched in the country, Reverend Sullivan urged the Reagan administration to enact a trade embargo and establish sanctions against South Africa.

In 1992, in recognition for his continuing crusades in the area of human rights, Reverend Sullivan was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award given in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I say again, it is a privilege to be here today to honor the life of this great man, and I feel honored to have met and talked with Reverend Sullivan many times. I consider him to be my friend, and I would like him to know that he has many friends here in the halls of Congress, including myself. Thank you Reverend Sullivan, and thank you Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUDSON COUNTY FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Hudson County Funeral Directors Association, which will be celebrated on Thursday, May 3, 2001 at the Association's annual dinner dance. The event will commemorate the Association's history, as well as its fine service to the community of Hudson County.

The Hudson County Funeral Directors Association has met the needs of area residents for an entire century. In times when families and friends gather together to mourn the loss of a loved one, it has provided comfort and closure.

For 100 years, the Association has offered dignified and compassionate funeral services in order to afford families with the opportunity

to mourn their losses and to celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

Every single day, funeral directors face the sensitivities and challenges of meeting the needs of mourners, supporting them in their final good-byes, and providing them with thoughtful and loving services.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Hudson County Funeral Directors Association.

ROBERT P. WISE IS HONORED BY CENTRAL NEW JERSEY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Mr. Robert P. Wise, who will receive the 2001 Hunterdon Distinguished Citizen Award given by the Central New Jersey Boy Scouts of America for his dedication to community service and citizenship.

The Distinguished Citizen Award is presented to the individuals who exemplify in their daily life the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America. The recipients are chosen for their outstanding character, citizenship and personal fitness as well as their leadership and respect in the community.

For over twenty-five years, Mr. Wise has provided leadership and responsible management experience to hospitals and related healthcare organizations. He has been committed to customer service excellence, team building, and the challenge of profitable growth. He is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Hunterdon Healthcare System which provides healthcare to 120,000 residents of Hunterdon County and its contiguous communities.

Mr. Wise's community service includes serving on the Board of Directors of the United Ways of Hunterdon County, Chairman of the Capital Campaign for United Way, Board of Trustees for Hunterdon Hospice and a board member of the Flemington Rotary Club. He is also a member of the American Public Health Association and Chairman of the New Jersey Hospital Association.

Mr. Wise has demonstrated a commitment to service and deserves recognition for his years of service. I urge my colleagues to join me today in acknowledging Mr. Wise's accomplishments and contributions to New Jersey.

IN HONOR OF KAREN WARNER

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the motto of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Michigan Council 25 is "The Union . . . that cares!" Today, that motto rings true as members gather at memorial services with the family and friends of Karen Warner, who passed away on April 25, 2001.

One of Southeastern Michigan's unsung heroes, Karen Warner was always a leader and

an activist in her community. Beginning her career at Macomb Community College in May of 1976, Karen became a member of AFSCME Local 2172 and soon after was named Local President. Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment to the vision and principles of AFSCME, she quickly moved on to become the Region 3 Vice President on the AFSCME Executive Board, a Staff Representative in 1985, and subsequently Administrative Director.

Working tirelessly to organize programs and actively support several committees, including the Colleges and Universities Coordinating Committee, the Women's Committee, Youth Committee, and the P.E.O.P.L.E. Committee, Karen's efforts to promote awareness and activism throughout the community will continue to serve as an example to us all.

Karen Warner has always given one hundred percent in every aspect of her life, her work, her community, her family and her friends. Those who had the pleasure of knowing her and the benefit of working with her will surely continue to remember her as a dedicated, faithful friend to all. She will truly be missed.

I invite my colleagues to please join me in paying tribute to one of the most influential citizens of Southeastern Michigan, and saluting her for her exemplary years of care and service.

INFLATION IS STILL WITH US

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, almost on a daily basis, government officials reassure us there is no inflation to worry about. But, today's definition of inflation of rising prices as measured by an artificial CPI and PPI is seriously flawed. Rising prices are but one of the many consequences of true inflation—which is an increase in the supply of money and credit.

To understand the perversities of inflation one must look to the money supply. The money supply, as measured by M3, rose an astounding \$42 billion last week and is up a whopping \$210 billion in the past ten weeks. MZM, another important measure of inflation, is rising at the rate of 27%. Now that's monetary debasement!

But rising prices, a reflection of monetary inflation, should not be dismissed as so many government economists have done. The current first quarter GDP report shows a 3.3% rise in the personal consumption price index, well above the 1.9% recorded in last year's fourth quarter.

And what about the record prices for gasoline? To pretend that gasoline prices pose little threat to American consumers is naive—not to mention the skyrocketing electricity bills they also face.

The most serious economic myth that Federal Reserve economists perpetuate is that a booming economy causes prices to rise and a slowing economy will hold "inflation" in check. Ever since 1971, when the fiat dollar was established, records show that during each of our economic slumps, prices rose even faster than they did during periods of economic growth, supporting the argument that rising prices are a consequence of monetary policy.

Although the economy is now slowing, and fuel prices are skyrocketing for the airlines, Delta pilots are receiving salary increases of between 24 and 34%. Other evidence of labor cost increases is now available even with the large and growing number of announced layoffs. Wage price pressure is more often than not a consequence of monetary policy, not a tight labor market.

Rising prices and the economic slowdown must be laid at the feet of the Federal Reserve. Likewise, the existing financial bubble is a consequence of the same policy of monetary expansion and artificially low interest rates. Although the NASDAQ bubble has already partially deflated, the entire world financial system suffers from the same distortion; and a lot more adjustment is required. Merely re-inflating with monetary expansion and manipulating interest rates will not solve the problems of debt, mal-investment and overcapacity that plague the system.

Mismanaging world fiat currencies and working to iron out the trade imbalances that result, through a worldwide managed trade organization, will not suffice. We must one day address the subject of sound money and free market interest rates, where interest rates are not set by the central banks of the world.

A sad consequence of today's conditions is that monetary policy encourages transfer of wealth and power to the undeserving. The victims of bad monetary policy then blame capitalism for the inequities. The leftist demonstrators at recent WTO, IMF, and World Bank meetings make a legitimate point that the current system has resulted in accumulation of wealth and power in the hands of some at the expense of others.

But this is an expected consequence of monetary debasement, which generally leads to social unrest. But, blaming capitalism and freedom for the harm done by inflationism, special interest corporatism, and interventionism presents a danger to us all, since the case for commodity money and individual liberty is lost in the shouting. Unless this message is heard and distinguished from the current system, freedom and prosperity will be lost. Leaders of the current worldwide system that has evolved since the collapse of the Soviet empire pay lip service to free trade and free markets, but tragically they are moving us toward a fascist system of partnerships with government, big business, and international banking at the expense of the middle class and the poor.

HONORING THE LATE DAVID JERRY DONELAN OF DENVER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I ask Congress to pay tribute to a native Coloradan. David Jerry Donelan passed away on April 5 at the young age of 31. His family as well as all the people he came in contact with throughout his life will miss David.

David grew up in Aspen, Colorado and attended the University of Colorado where he graduated in 1993. Following graduation, David worked as a field director for Terry

Considine's unsuccessful race for a U.S. Senate seat in Colorado. At the conclusion of the campaign, GOP leaders were very impressed with David's hard work. Sensing that David had a political future, he was quickly hired at the Colorado State Republican Party to serve as the Deputy Political Director.

During the 1993–1994 election cycle, David played a critical role in maintaining GOP control of the state House and Senate. He worked closely with and provided countless hours of assistance to candidates from throughout the state. After the 1994 election cycle David was hired by a major lobbying firm and worked on a number of governmental issues important to the state of Colorado.

David is survived by his parents, Charles and Penny, sister Shanley, grandparents, Bruce and Florence McKenzie and godfather George Beckvermit.

Mr. Speaker, David made a quick climb up the ladder of success and influenced a lot of people. His death is tragic, and he will be missed by everyone that knew him. David was an inspiration to all who knew him.

SUPPORT OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL FLAG DAY

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advise my colleagues that every day in the United States, three children die from physical abuse or chronic neglect. Additionally, I remind my fellow House Members that ten children die each day as a result of firearm use. It is important for us to remember the lives of children lost due to physical abuse, and to commemorate those youth who have died as a result of violence. As a mother, the issue of child abuse and neglect evokes strong and negative emotions within me. My maternal instincts and my sworn duty as a Member of the House dictate that I wage a vigorous fight to protect our society's most vulnerable segment, our children.

Unfortunately, child abuse has many faces. Mistreatment occurs in a variety of ways such as physical, emotional, sexual abuse or by neglect. In 1997, almost 300,000 children in the United States were subjected to abuse, and over half a million more were found by child protective services to be neglected. Unreported cases of maltreatment are estimated to be as high as three million a year. Abusive behavior threatens and imperils entire families. An alarming and startling statistic is that in approximately 60 to 75 percent of families in which a woman is battered, the children are also battered. The effects of abuse reverberate throughout the lives of victims. Studies indicate that abused children are 53 percent more likely to be arrested as a juvenile offender and are 38 percent more likely to commit a violent crime. Furthermore, children who are abused or neglected are far more likely to abuse their own children later in life.

As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's issues, I am committed to combating this pervasive and horrific problem in order to protect the lives of children and strengthen

women and families. Mr. Speaker, that is why it is crucial for there to be safe havens for children. Ideally our communities, schools and homes should be places of refuge for them. Today, more and more of our children are victims of abuse, and far too many children live in fear; a fear that is compounded by the prospect of violence occurring in their own classroom and homes.

Mr. Speaker, violence is learned behavior. Our children witness aggressive behavior, anger, and hatred to others as a matter of routine and often to a parent as a matter of course. Is there any wonder then, why children demonstrate anti-social behavior that they learn from those closest to them when they commit violent acts? For this reason, it is important to learn the signs and patterns that lead to violent behavior and address them before lives are lost. I am saddened and appalled by the extent of youth violence that has proliferated into an epidemic. The consequences of abuse are now being equated with the impact of war. The fact of the matter is, violence and neglect are more devastating than polio, AIDS, or motor vehicle crashes. The problem of violence in the United States is especially acute because we have the highest youth homicide and suicide rates among the 26 wealthiest nations. I am committed to protecting the lives of our children by: Introducing H.R. 233, the "Child Safety-Lock Act"—meaningful gun control legislation designed to limit children's access to firearms; encouraging collaboration and coordination among education, mental health, social service, and juvenile justice agencies; creating legislation that will re-establish and strengthen the mandate of juvenile judges to use discretion and creativity in sentencing children and adolescents; and by supporting any legislation that brings us closer to an end to youth violence and protects the interests of our children.

Violence of any kind weakens families and especially hurts our children. Regardless of its form, youth violence and violence against children must be stopped. Tragically, children die as we contemplate recommendations. We must act quickly and responsibly to reestablish safe havens in our communities. Our children and our nation deserve nothing less.

CONGRATULATING JOHN F. KEANE
ON THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FOUNDING OF KEANE, INC.

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John F. Keane, a true American success story. This Saturday Keane, Inc. will host their annual employee recognition dinner. John Keane will be recognized, along with other employees who are celebrating significant milestones with the company. John Keane has dedicated 35 years of service and has successfully built Keane, Inc., headquartered in Charlestown, Massachusetts, into one of the world's most successful information technology consulting companies.

John Keane began building his consulting business above a doughnut shop, with one employee. From those humble beginnings

Keane, Inc. has grown into a \$1 billion international powerhouse. I am proud to acknowledge the fact that John's monumental business success has not hampered his ability to personally make a significant, positive impact in the community.

Many businesses in this country do make efforts to be good neighbors. Keane, Inc. however, takes community involvement to a higher level. For instance, Keane has adopted the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown as their business partner. This is not merely a symbolic gesture by a big company to show they care about the community. It is truly a working relationship that has witnessed extreme success in the lives of students. An Annual Spelling Bee, sponsored by Keane, gives adults the opportunity to show to students what they have learned over the years, while also raising money for after-school programs.

Although John's accolades include serving on the President's Commission for Y2K, the Coalition for H-1B Visas and other high profile posts, it is his smaller scale, local efforts that impress me as his most important work. John himself has at times become personally involved in some of the many programs that take place at the Edwards school. When students were taking part in a program to teach peer mediation and negotiation skills, Mr. Keane himself participated in these sessions. It is this type of personal touch that makes John Keane the type of businessman you want to have headquartered in your community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate John Keane on his 35 years at Keane, Inc. and thank him for the manner in which he has conducted business during his tenure. He is truly an asset to our community. I'm honored to have Keane, Inc. in my congressional district.

GRADE-A: GOVERNMENT RESERVATION ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATION ACT—ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION OF MILITARY FAMILIES

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, today 21 of my bipartisan colleagues and I are introducing a bill—entitled the GRADE-A Act, the Government Reservation Accelerated Development for Education Act. This is major legislation intended to improve education around the nation.

In the average \$10 million American school district, \$9.3 million are raised from state and local taxes. This system works well when the children attending the local school live on property subject to local tax.

This system does not work well when the federal government houses many children on land not subject to tax—such as a military base or Indian reservation. In these schools, the children report to class without financial backing—too many of these kids and the school district can go bankrupt.

For many years, the federal government has made payments through a program called "Impact Aid," intended to mitigate the impact of the federal presence on local schools.

Between 1950 and 1969, the Impact Aid Program was fully funded. Since that time the

funding level has not kept pace with the amount required to cover the Federal Government's tax obligation. In Fiscal Year 2001, the program will pay only 46% of the total amount required to cover the cost of the two formula driven provisions of the Impact Aid Program—Section 8002 (Federal Property) and 8003 (Federal Connected Children).

While school administrators and teachers across the country appreciate Impact Aid payments, they are usually paid late and fail to cover the cost of the children who enter school. For example, the Highland Park, Illinois, school district pays approximately \$11,000 a year to educate a student. The Impact Aid program provides just \$500 per child. Local taxpayers living on civilian property must then pay the extra \$10,500 per year to educate that child. Too many of such children entering a school can bankrupt a whole school district.

This nearly happened in North Chicago, Illinois. This community is home to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center where 50,000 naval recruits are trained annually. Hundreds of children from military housing came into the local school district each year. Several years ago, North Chicago's district 187 nearly went bankrupt under the weight of children coming to school from property that cannot be taxed. Impact aid payments had been late and inadequate. Thanks to the work of my predecessor, Congressman John Porter, this school system was saved through additional appropriations. Now, this bill will help all schools in the nation to welcome and educate military and other federally-housed children.

GRADE-A would alter the current status of two sections of the Impact Aid program, making them into an entitlement program. The goal of this legislation is to improve federal impact aid for military dependents and other children living on federal lands. Impact Aid was created in 1950 when Congress recognized the obligation of the Federal Government to assist school districts and communities that experience a loss in their local property tax base due to the presence of the Federal Government. To offset this revenue loss to public school districts due to the tax-exempt status of the Federal Government, Congress established the Impact Aid Program.

GRADE-A would ensure the effective delivery of Impact Aid by creating an Impact Aid Trust Fund to guarantee that local school districts are able to offer the best education to all students, whether they are of military parents or civilians. It guarantees prompt payment to schools without needless waits or bureaucracy. Under GRADE-A, Section 8002 of the current Impact Aid Law would become an entitlement, mandating that the local school districts receive the full value of the federal land which has been taken off the tax rolls.

GRADE-A would also turn Section 8003, the Basic Support Payments, of the current Impact Aid law into an entitlement program. GRADE-A mandates that according to a pre-existing weighted formula, each school district receives full payment for each federally connected child. Currently, additional funding is provided in this section for special education children. Section 8003(d) under GRADE-A would now mandate that each school district receive all the monies currently granted under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for each Impact Aid child.

GRADE—A honors our commitment to military families and other families, especially American Indians. It guarantees that those families who serve to protect our freedom and in turn protected by the federal government.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROMEO CHAPTER
19 LADIES OF THE ORDER OF
THE EASTERN STAR OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Romeo Lodge #19 Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan, who celebrated their 106th birthday on March 31, 2001.

Since the Grand Chapter of Michigan recognized the start of the Romeo Chapter #19 Order of the Eastern Star on October 10, 1895, the Romeo Chapter #19 has been a thriving sister center of social, religious, and political life to all its members and their families. Dedicated to education, morality, and improving the quality of life for its Masonic family, the Ladies of Romeo have worked tirelessly to improve the community through their contributions in charity, scholarship, and service.

Through the years, the Romeo Chapter #19 Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star have devoted their time and efforts to maintaining the tenets of Masonry, encouraging kindness, respect, and good will towards all men and women. They have proudly organized philanthropic activities for members and non-members, assisting in times of hardship, sickness, death and disability. As they celebrate 106 years, I am confident they will continue to lead the community through their benevolent service.

Demonstrating outstanding leadership and commitment, the success of the Romeo Lodge #19 Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of its members and its community. I applaud Romeo Lodge #19 for their leadership, sisterhood, and commitment, and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their 106th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF THE MIGUEL
MIQUELI AND THE JOSÉ MARTI
STUDENT AID FUND

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Miguel Miqueli, founder of the José Martí Student Aid Fund, Inc., for his contributions to education and to the Hispanic community in West New York, New Jersey. To celebrate the success of the José Martí Student Aid Fund and to honor Miguel Miqueli, an award dinner and dance will be held on May 5, 2001.

Miguel Miqueli was born on July 11, 1937 in San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba. He received his elementary education in El Colegio Belen

in Havana, Cuba. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Science and Philosophy from the Pitman Academy, and concluded his studies in Business Administration at Havana University. In April, 1961, Mr. Miqueli emigrated from Cuba to the United States, where he and his father opened a jewelry store in West New York.

In 1965, Mr. Miqueli became a member of the Lions Club of West New York, and he later co-founded the Hispanic Mercantile Federation, to which he was elected president in 1973; he is currently a member of the board of directors. In February 1978, along with a group of dedicated teachers, he founded the José Martí Student Aid Fund, Inc., and served as the president until 2000. As a collaborative effort with the Cuban-American Foundation he coordinated the project "Mision Martí" in 1992.

Through his work as an educator and community activist, Miguel Miqueli has truly been a valuable asset to Hudson County. He has compassionately dedicated himself to the field of education and to the Hispanic community.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Miguel Miqueli and the José Martí Student Aid Fund.

A SALUTE TO DAVID HECKER

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and achievements of David Hecker, as he is honored by The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring in Oak Park, Michigan on May 6, 2001.

The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring is a national fraternal organization committed to the pursuit of social and economic justice while fostering Jewish identity through culture, education, friendship and mutual aid.

I have had the honor and pleasure of knowing David for many years. It is not surprising that David's life's work has embodied these ideals. His union roots run deep, back to Poland where David's paternal grandfather was active in the Bund (a Jewish labor organization). David's parents, Arnold and Josephine, were both activists in the labor movement: Arnold in the United Auto Workers and Josephine in the Health Care Union in the Bronx, New York.

David has pursued advanced degrees in labor relations and has worked his entire adult life on behalf of working people. He has been active with the American Federation of Government Employees, the Allied Industrial Workers, the Michigan AFL-CIO, the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO, and the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel.

David embodies the values of social and economic justice in every aspect of his life. His passion for his work and beliefs shines through in his personality. David is a gifted organizer, motivator and strategic planner. He has used his talents in numerous roles to the benefit of many.

David is truly devoted to creating A Besere Un A Shenere Velt (A Better and More Beautiful World). His commitment to community is evident through his work as a board member of the Jewish Community Council and the

Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders, as well as his political activity in the Democratic Party.

We are truly fortunate that such a talented individual has committed his life to working for economic and social justice. We are especially fortunate that he and his wife, Alice Audie-Figueroa, have chosen to make the Metro Detroit community their home.

So, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating David and wishing both David and Alice, along with their children, Joelle, Jose and Gustavo, the very best.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF
INCREASING AUTISM AWARENESS

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to show my support for H. Con. Res. 91, the Increase Awareness of Autism and Support Greater Research, Treatment & Training Resolution, to honor Autism Awareness Day, and to pay tribute to parents and families of autistic children everywhere.

As a result of autism, an estimated 400,000 Americans have lost the ability to communicate and interact with others. In my home state of Rhode Island, autism had become an absolute crisis. The incidence of the disorder has risen by over 1000% in the past seven years, and by over 300% in the past five years alone.

Caring for people afflicted with autism costs more than \$13 billion per year, and the majority of these costs are borne by the families of the victims of autism. These parents have sacrificed tremendously to provide the specialized education and support services that their children need. Yet, they still do not receive the support they deserve from the government.

My nephew has a form of autism so I know firsthand the challenges these families face. Many days, my nephew's parents cannot hold conversations with their son. Communicating with him takes extraordinary patience. Had his parents not engaged him in an intensive intervention program immediately after his diagnosis, he would have made much less progress today. It was not many years ago that children with autism would have been misdiagnosed and often institutionalized for the rest of their lives.

Parents of autistic children regularly encounter people who do not understand the difficulties associated with autism. Friends and teachers become impatient. They repeat the same phrase over and over, as if the child will understand if it is repeated one more time. Teachers are often ill-equipped to deal with the special challenges of autistic children. H. Con. Res. 91 calls upon federal, state and local governments to allocate sufficient resources to alleviate the shortage of appropriately trained teachers of autistic children; and recognizes the importance of worker training programs tailored to the needs of developmentally disabled persons, including those with autism.

The resolution further expresses Congress' support for increasing federal funding for research to learn the causes of autism, identify

the best methods of early intervention and treatment, and promote understanding of the special needs of autistic persons. It urges swift implementation of the Children's Health Act of 2000, particularly the establishment of at least three "centers of excellence" at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and at least five centers at the National Institutes of Health, in order to monitor the prevalence of autism at the national level.

As a proud member of the Coalition for Autism Research and Education (C.A.R.E.), I will fight for increases in support this year, to correct years of under-funding of organizations and programs that deal with autism issues.

In addition, the federal government must honor its promise to contribute up to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for special needs funding. To date, the maximum the government has ever contributed is 15 percent. As an original co-sponsor of H.R. 1330, the Helping Children Succeed by Fully Funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, I am fighting to ensure that the federal government honors its commitment to local districts.

It is of utmost importance to me that the federal government keep its promise to special needs students so they receive the first class education they deserve. I commend my colleagues for honoring this special day and implore them to work together to guarantee that the national crisis called autism receives the critical attention and financial support its merits.

THE PASSING OF REVEREND LEON SULLIVAN, AUTHOR OF THE SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay a special tribute to the passing of one of America's greatest crusaders for civil rights and human rights both here at home and around the world, the Reverend Leon Sullivan. He left a rich legacy of activity and awareness, each new endeavor serving his vision of racial harmony and understanding, and he will be remembered for his crucial role in the right against Apartheid in South Africa.

As a Philadelphia minister with the Zion Baptist Church in the early 1960's, Rev. Sullivan organized a nonviolent boycott of local companies that would not hire blacks. The boycotts proved to be highly effective, but in order to bring about a genuine turn-around in the employment situation for black residents of Philadelphia he knew that many people would need professional training opportunities. In 1965, Rev. Sullivan attempted to address this training need through the creation of Opportunities International, a job-training program that has trained to date 1.5 million people in 142 centers worldwide.

Rev. Sullivan not only tackled tough problems, he also broke new ground in generating presence and visibility for the civil rights movement. He became the first black board member of General Motors Corp. in 1971—"the conscience of the board" according to then-secretary to the GM board Rod Gilleum. Rev. Sullivan used his influence in this elite cor-

porate environment to promote what would become his most famous civil rights manifesto: the Sullivan Principles.

The Sullivan Principles were designed to guide U.S. corporate behavior in apartheid South Africa. He described these principles as "a code that companies of America and the world came to follow to end apartheid peacefully, starting with the workplace." In explaining how one must go about reforming a system as entrenched as apartheid was in South Africa, he once noted that "if you take a hammer and chisel and pound a rock 100 times, it's going to crack. I pounded and pounded, and it cracked."

After retiring from Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Rev. Sullivan then created the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help. This foundation aided hundreds of thousands of people in Africa and the United States.

Rev. Sullivan's lifetime of service and achievement fortunately did not pass unrecognized. In 1992, then-President Bush recognized Rev. Sullivan's contribution to the promotion of civil rights with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1999, following the release of an updated version of the Sullivan Principles, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said of Rev. Sullivan, "He showed us all how much one individual can do." Rev. Sullivan's principles will live on to encourage corporations around the world to engage in fair employment practices.

Together with his wife Grace, his three children Hope, Julie, and Howard, and to the countless lives he touched and minds he opened, this Congress stands today in admiration and in gratitude of this extraordinary man and his very good works. Thank you, Rev. Sullivan, and may each of us learn from your example.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTOPHER SCHMUS, SBA YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to salute a man from my district who, at a relatively young age, has become quite the success story. Christopher Schmus, President and Chief Executive Officer of ProDriver Leasing (PDL) Systems, Inc., has been honored by the Small Business Administration as its Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Four years ago, after rising through the ranks of the trucking industry, Chris recognized the un-met need for highly qualified, professional truck drivers and set about to establish a business to fill that void. In 1997, at the age of 23, with only \$3,000 in cash, Chris started PDL out of his basement with only three drivers, including himself. The business recruits and trains its drivers, who are then placed with trucking companies who don't have enough drivers of their own, for a day, a week, or longer.

The company took off, doing a half-million dollars in business its first year. Since that time, ProDriver's commitment to its customers and its employees has earned it a stellar reputation in the business. Its workforce is now

approximately 100 employees, and the company earned almost \$4 million in sales in 1999.

Locally, PDL has been honored by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce as one of the "Future 50" companies the group has identified as major contributors to the economic health of the area. ProDriver was also named by the group as one of the five fastest growing companies in Milwaukee.

Now the company is being recognized nationally, by the Small Business Administration (SBA), and they couldn't be more deserving. The hard work and dedication that Christopher Schmus has poured into his business for the last five years has paid off. I'm proud to recognize him today for his remarkable accomplishments and the honor he will receive from the SBA here in Washington. Congratulations to all of ProDriver's staff, and continued success in the future.

HONORING THE LATE MARION JENKINS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that Congress pause for a moment of silence in memory of a life long resident of Durango, Colorado. Marion E. Jenkins, owner and operator of the former Jenkins Ranch, died from a stroke on April 30 at the age of 82. Marion became a friend of everyone he met and will truly be missed.

"He was one of those guys you loved being with, and he loved being with you," said Kenny Jenkins, Marion's son. "He never was a stranger. Everybody was his friend." Marion was a cattle rancher who loved to tell stories and travel across the United States with friends and family.

Marion moved to the family ranch in 1920. Over the years the ranch grew to 520 acres, which was used primarily for cattle and crops. Marion served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II, where he was present at the Normandy Landing. "He's one of those people that will sorely be missed," said friend Ray Stolworthy. "Marion Jenkins would like to be remembered as a person who would not condemn anybody for something they wanted."

Mr. Speaker, Marion Jenkins spent a lifetime being everyone's friend, for that I would like Congress to take a moment and pay respects to a great friend. An entire community will miss Marion.

IN HONOR OF MRS. FILOMENA "MINNIE" ZAHARSKY, RECIPIENT OF THE UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF HUDSON COUNTY "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT" AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Filomena "Minnie"

Zaharsky, recipient of this year's United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Hudson County, New Jersey, "Lifetime Achievement" Award.

As the first Executive Director of UCP, "Minnie" Zaharsky was instrumental in managing the overall operation of the agency. In an effort to address the growing needs of children suffering from cerebral palsy in Hudson County, Mrs. Zaharsky and the UCP successfully worked to obtain Medicaid coverage for children to receive therapies and services provided by the UCP. This fantastic feat made it possible for several families to provide their children with the necessary examinations and therapies needed to treat cerebral palsy.

During her tenure at UCP, Mrs. Zaharsky was humble and dynamic in her many roles. As a parent volunteer, she put in several hours answering phones, typing letters, scheduling appointments, and providing transportation to families who otherwise would not have had access to the facilities at UCP. Furthermore, she raised funds to keep the UCP agency in secure financial standing.

Whether she was organizing auctions to raise needed funds, or answering phones, Mrs. Zaharsky exemplified true leadership.

For her years of outstanding work and charitable dedication, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Zaharsky for being one of the recipients of the UCP "Lifetime Achievement" Award.

SALUTING THE 2001 JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to salute twenty-eight outstanding young Kansans from Johnson County, Kansas, who will be recognized on Friday, May 4th, at an informal reception honoring their volunteer service. Youth Excelling in Service [YES], a program of the Volunteer Center of Johnson County, has invited Johnson County leaders and educators to this reception honoring the twenty-eight Outstanding Youth Volunteers who will be featured in the upcoming "Movers and Shakers" publication. I will present the young people with a Congressional Award for their contributions to the community, and YES will spotlight the role these committed young people play in addressing community needs.

Johnson County's young people are becoming increasingly involved in service to their community and the stories of their accomplishments are powerful. The twenty-eight "Movers and Shakers" to be honored at the reception testify to the fact my congressional district's young people see needs in their communities and are ready, willing and able to meet those needs by investing their time and skills. These young people are passionate about challenging, motivating and recruiting other young people to likewise take the plunge into volunteer service. I am pleased to have this opportunity to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD profiles of twelve "Movers and Shakers" who were not included in my RECORD submission of May 1st on this topic.

Snow Fain, 17, Blue Valley North High School. Snow volunteers with her parents

through the Leawood Arts Council in addition to activities through Rotary, KC Art Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, her church and others. She has volunteered over 100 hours.

Lisa Kornfeld, 16, Shawnee Mission West High School. Through her activities with her school's service organization, JAWS (Join Active West Students), Lisa has volunteered over 100 hours. She has also volunteered through National Honor Society and Girls to Women.

Anna Clark and Aaryn Clark, 18, Olathe East High School. These twins have volunteered nearly 400 hours each through many different activities. They have spent the most time as camp counselors for children with physical or mental challenges. Other activities they have been a part of include Olathe Youth Court, tutoring and church projects. They have been volunteering through National Honor Society for two years.

Rachele Davis, 16, St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Rachele has volunteered over 225 hours in a variety of areas, including youth services, elderly assistance and homelessness. Her volunteer organizations include: Olathe Medical Center, Hunger House, National Historical Society of the DAR, Johnson County Christmas Bureau, and Johnson County 4-H.

Ryan Davis, 17, St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Ryan has accumulated 155 hours of volunteer service through the Johnson County 4-H, Habitat for Humanity, Johnson County Christmas Bureau, and Bikes and Trikes for Tykes. He often volunteers with his sister, Rachele Davis (listed previously).

Rosa Gabel, 18, Olathe South High School. Rosa's volunteer activities include: arts and crafts, youth services, collecting and donating items and gardening and groundskeeping work. She has worked with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on fundraising activities and also with the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.

Steve Evans, 18, Bishop Miege High School. Steve has served 300 hours as a volunteer through Johnson County Youth Court, where he is a youth attorney and judge. Additionally, Steve's activities have also included projects addressing hunger and homelessness.

Amy Johnson, 12, Leawood Middle School. Amy has served 58 hours of volunteer work through her school and the Kansas Humane Society. She has also volunteered for campaign work.

Brad Buser, 18, Mill Valley High School. Brad volunteers through a class at his high school and has accumulated over 150 hours of service. Brad's service areas include: youth services, collecting and donating goods, elderly assistance, hunger and homelessness, and gardening and groundskeeping.

Lori Wadham, 16, Blue Valley High School. Lori has completed 300 hours of community service through several organizations and in a variety of areas, including youth services, elderly assistance and home repair and building. She was inspired to volunteer through her 4-H club and plans to continue to expand her volunteer efforts.

Robby Smith, 16, Shawnee Mission East. Robby has been an active volunteer for Johnson County Youth Court. He has accumulated over 100 hours there as a defense attorney for youth with first-time, nonviolent offenses.

CELEBRATING CINCO DE MAYO CON ORGULLLO

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the historic day of Cinco de Mayo. This holiday, celebrated each year on the fifth of May, is a very symbolic and cultural day for people of Mexican ancestry.

Cinco de Mayo honors the 1862 victory of the Mexican armed forces against the invading French army in the Battle of Puebla, and marks an important milestone in Mexico's struggle to retain its sovereignty. It has since been a day when Latinos honor their spirit of struggle, dignity, and respect for their cultural heritage.

Unfortunately, many Cinco de Mayo celebrations have been marred by violence, overconsumption of alcohol, and other serious problems. This issue is compounded by the fact that Latino communities suffer disproportionately from the negative effects of alcohol use and abuse, high rates of alcohol-related diseases and death, an inordinate number of traffic fatalities and alcohol-related driving violations, and many types of alcohol involved violence.

In light of this, many persons of Mexican ancestry desire to have family oriented, alcohol and tobacco free Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Rather than partaking in festivities that continue to exploit people through the sale of large amounts of alcoholic beverages, they are choosing to focus on embracing and elevating the cultural significance of this historical event and Latinos in general.

The Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco (LCAT) has joined with CalPartners Coalition and California Latino Leadership United for Healthy Communities in their statewide Cinco de Mayo 2001 campaign, "Sembrando Nuestras Tradiciones." This campaign aims to make all residents of the U.S. aware of the true significance of the Cinco de Mayo, reduce the pernicious influence of the alcohol industry, draw public attention to the negative effects of alcohol use and abuse upon persons of Mexican ancestry, and promote alcohol and tobacco-free celebrations.

I commend the effort of these groups and encourage people to celebrate this important Mexican holiday with dignity and respect, to refrain from immoderate consumption of alcoholic beverages, to work to promote the health of the entire community, and to reject efforts by alcohol promoters who misuse Cinco de Mayo by engaging in advertising and promotions designed to encourage heavy drinking.

ENCOURAGE THE PRESIDENT TO PROTECT NATIONAL FORESTS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, by May 4, 2001, the Bush administration must publicly reveal its plans to either

protect forests or continue to allow the construction of roads into our nation's remaining pristine forest areas.

For the past thirty years, Congress has been part of the debate over protecting national forests from activities that put economic interests above ecological concerns. We have had debate after debate on the merits of a 380,000 mile road network, the role of taxpayer dollars in expanding the existing network, and the appropriate balance between preservation and multiple-use.

News reports indicate that the Bush Administration plans to dilute or overturn the historic roadless conservation plan proposed under the Clinton Administration.

Over 1 million Americans submitted comments to the Forest Service during the lengthy public comment period in which over 600 public hearings were held, including at least one hearing for each national forest that might be affected by the policy.

More Americans spoke out in favor of this historic conservation plan than on any other federal rule-making in history. The public is clear—it wants to protect America's remaining pristine forests.

The problem that the Bush Administration faces on this issue is that some very powerful—if narrow—special interests do not want what the public wants. They want new roads built in the remaining 31 percent of our national forests where today there are no roads for the purposes of logging, mining, and oil and gas drilling.

Mr. Speaker, these special interests are not concerned about the tradeoff between the long-term ecological damage caused by those activities and the very limited amount of natural resources available for extraction if new roads are to be built. They are not concerned about the fact that more communities depend on fresh water from national forests than from extractive industries. They are not concerned that the recreational value of our national forests is of critical importance to the majority of Americans and that roadbuilding often conflicts with recreational opportunities.

Congress has learned, after many pitched battles, that the public does not want to pay for constructing new roads into the remaining portions of our national forests that are undisturbed. My fear is that the Administration has not learned this.

With all due respect to the President, his administration should spend more time protecting America's environment and public lands and less time protecting the special interest corporations who clearly have captured his attention.

But I am pleased to say that over 130 of my Democratic Colleagues have joined me in urging President Bush to immediately implement the forest conservation policy that was finalized on January 12—without loopholes and without delays. In March, 22 Republican colleagues wrote their own letter to the President with the same message.

The American public should know that some of us in Congress have heard their appeal on protecting the remaining forests in which there are no roads. But they need to be equally aware that the Administration has already shown its willingness to ignore public sentiment in its zeal to please its special interest allies. President Bush abandoned his pledge to regulate carbon dioxide, for example, and he appears to be close to abandoning his

pledge not to drill for oil off of Florida's protected coastline.

We must assume then that he will be willing to ignore public sentiment again and open our remaining pristine forests to road-building despite the public's opposition to such a move.

We are sending a clear message to the President to protect our remaining forests. We hope that he will heed our call and the call of the American people.

I submit for the RECORD a copy of the letter that I and over 130 of my colleagues sent to President Bush on Wednesday, May 2, 2001.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, May 1, 2001.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: By May 4, 2001, your Administration must publicly articulate its policy on the protection of roadless areas in our national forests. There are few public land issues of greater import to the majority of Americans. Many of us in Congress care deeply about carefully managing America's critical natural resources and protecting the remaining pristine areas in our national forests. The Roadless Area Conservation Policy finalized by the Forest Service on January 12, 2001 represents a balanced, scientifically based, publicly supported policy. We strongly urge you to immediately implement the policy as finalized, without exceptions or loopholes.

As you know, the Roadless Area Conservation Policy will protect 58.5 million acres of pristine national forest land. This balanced policy protects the remaining pristine regions of our national forests from logging, mining, and energy exploration, while allowing those activities to proceed on the majority of national forest lands. Currently, our national forests contain over 383,000 miles of roads. The forest conservation policy does not limit public access on the current road infrastructure or regulate off-road vehicle use. Nor does the policy limit recreation opportunities. The policy does allow the Forest Service to concentrate its efforts on addressing the tremendous maintenance backlog instead of constructing expensive and controversial new roads which will add to the maintenance burden in the future.

America's leading scientists have repeatedly informed us that the roadless portions of our national forests are not only the most significant habitat for fish and wildlife, but are critical sources of clean drinking water for over 60 million Americans. As our population grows and open space succumbs to development, watersheds on public lands are increasingly important.

The forest conservation policy is the result of an unprecedented public input process and has overwhelming public support. Claims by opponents of this policy that it is just an 11th hour regulation by the previous Administration are unfounded. The debate over roadless area management has been fought in the courts and the Congress for over 30 years. The path towards an affirmative policy on roadless area management began in January 1998 with the Forest Service's announcement of a proposed road-building moratorium. The final policy released on January 12, 2001 received more public comment than any other federal rulemaking process in our nation's history. It is a product of over 600 public meetings, including several in every single national forest in the nation. At its conclusion, the agency had received input from over 1.6 million Americans, the vast majority of whom supported the policy, with a remarkable level of support for the inclusion of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska.

The Roadless Area Conservation Policy is not a partisan issue. It is about the future of our national forests and our ability as a nation to manage them in a sustainable manner and to the benefit of all the diverse interests who seek their use. We implore you not to cash in on the short-term and short-sighted opportunity to extract resources from our pristine forests in a manner that will permanently diminish them. Instead, we urge you to take the opportunity now before you to preserve these forests for future generations.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and we look forward to working with you to ensure that America's great forest legacy will be preserved.

Sincerely,

George Miller, Nick Rahall, Jay Inslee, Maurice Hinchey, Frank Pallone, James Moran, Richard Gephardt, David Bonior, Henry Waxman, Nancy Pelosi, Ellen Tauscher, Mark Udall.

Original cosponsors continued: J. Maloney, Blagojevich, Doggett, Kilpatrick, Capuano, Levin, Clement, Baldwin, Roybal-Allard, Clay, McKinney, Kennedy, Delahunt, T. Udall, Allen, Rangel, Hoyer, Honda, Harman, Eshoo, Schiff, Neal, Oliver, Holt, Lee, Millender-McDonald, W. Jefferson, John Lewis, D. Price, S. Brown, Borski, E.B. Johnson, A. Smith, Tierney, Filner, Frank, McGovern, DeGette, Kildee, Markey, DeLauro, Ford, Farr.

Clayton, Solis, Evans, McCollum, Napolitano, Wexler, Crowley, Hastings, Blumenauer, McDermott, Nadler, Gordon, Matsui, Waters, Boucher, D. Davis, Towns, Woolsey, Rivers, Baldacci, Pascarelli, Larsen, Hoeffel, Rush, Serrano, Kaptur, Stark, Conyers, Moore, Capps, Lantos, Sanders, Ackerman, S. Davis, Wu, McNulty, LaFalce, Berkeley, Larson, Cummings, Hooley, Menendez, Rothman, Velázquez, B. Thompson.

Abercrombie, Watt, Berman, Becerra, Matheson, Lowey, Kucinich, Deutsch, Schakowsky, Mink, Sanchez, C. Brown, Meehan, Scott, DeFazio, Gonzalez, Wynn, Bentzen, Langevin, Green, Gutierrez, Payne, Jones, Meek, Jackson, Jr., Hinojosa, Reyes, C. Maloney, C. McCarthy, Fattah, Sabo, Norton, K. McCarthy, Weiner, Andrews, Slaught-

THE RETIREMENT OF SUZANNE S. KERR

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an advisor, friend and national advocate for peace, Suzy Kerr. This month Suzy will be completing her responsibilities as Executive Director of PeacePAC at the Council for a Livable World after over 10 years of service.

While working with PeacePAC and the Council, Suzy has dedicated tremendous energy, common sense, uncanny political instinct, humor and the sheer force of her irresistible personality to recruiting, electing and supporting arms control champions in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As coordinator for outreach of the Council for a Livable World Education Fund, Suzy has worked closely with national coalitions and women's, human rights, environmental, health, budget and peace organizations to educate

and promote combined efforts to reduce the threat of nuclear war and lower military spending.

PeacePAC is an affiliate of the Council for a Livable World, founded in 1962 by nuclear scientists concerned about the menace of nuclear war. Since its inception, the Council has helped elect over 104 U.S. Senators. The Council's ability to raise millions of dollars for candidates has helped it gain recognition as the electoral arm of the peace movement. In 1982, the Council organized PeacePAC to help elect candidates to the House. As a non-partisan, grass-roots political action committee, PeacePAC supports candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives who are committed to nuclear arms control, nuclear disarmament, the prevention of nuclear war, and significant reductions in military spending.

It is a pleasure to honor Suzy—a fellow Michiganiian, who has served in and out of political life in Washington since 1966 when she worked as a personal assistant to Representative Seymour Halpern from New York. She was elected as a Udall delegate to the Democratic Convention in 1976, and went on to serve President Carter as the Assistant Director of the White House Visitor's Office from 1977 to 1980. While raising her two children, Sarah and Charlie, with her husband, Gordon Kerr, she worked for the New York State Assembly in Washington, D.C., and completed her Bachelor of Arts at American University.

In the mid-eighties, she became the Field Director, and later the Washington Director for Women's Action for a New Direction (WAND). During Suzy's tenure at WAND, it was the only national women's activist and grassroots PAC focused on advocating for nuclear arms control and disarmament and reductions in military spending.

In 1991, Suzy became the Executive Director of PeacePAC. During Suzy's tenure, PeacePAC has raised nearly \$1.5 million for pro-arms control candidates. In the last few years, PeacePAC has contributed more to deservicing candidates in critical House races than all other peace political action committees combined. Currently, 78 Members of Congress have been helped by PeacePAC.

Representing concerned voters and contributors from across the country, Suzy has used PeacePAC's substantive expertise and political power to ensure that strong voices in the House are committed to reducing the nuclear threat and defining national security in terms of domestic as well as military concerns.

As PeacePAC supporters know, the sweeping changes in the post-Cold War world have given us an unprecedented opportunity to elect members who will question "big-ticket" items such as the B-2 Stealth Bomber and a misguided missile defense that has yet to test successfully. I am confident and grateful that even as Suzy completes her service, PeacePAC will continue to work for the election of candidates who will fight for policies and budgets that reflect the new international realities of an increasingly inter-dependent global community.

Of course, we wish Suzy every success in her new endeavor: supervising the day-to-day progress of her first grandchild, Porter Jay Iselin.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Congress, the members and supporters of PeacePAC and the Council for a Livable World, and all who have benefited from her work, I thank you for

the opportunity to give recognition to Suzanne S. Kerr, for her service to the nation and the world on behalf of peace and security.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY W. EARLE JR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Harry W. Earle Jr., a great American, an outstanding and devoted citizen and a respected community leader who passed away on April 26, 2001, at the age of 76. He and his wife Barbara of 56 years have three sons and two daughters, David, Gordon and John, Penhryn Cook and Barbara Ballard, as well as 11 grandchildren.

Born in Norwalk, Connecticut, Harry Earle made Darien, Connecticut his home for over 50 years. Harry Earle attended Williams College until his induction into the United States Air Force in 1943, during which time he flew more than fifty B-17 missions over southern Europe, earning the distinction of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He began his career in the printing industry with McCall Corporation before becoming senior executive at J.W. Clement Company, Arcata Printing Company, and W.A. Krueger Company. He would later serve as President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of the Banta Corporation for over a decade. In 1989, Harry Earle received one of the highest honors of his profession when he was inducted into the Printing Industry Hall of Fame.

Harry Earle was also a proud and active member of the public sector. Upon his return from the Second World War, he became perhaps the youngest member ever elected to the Board of Selectmen in Darien. He would later serve on the Darien Police Commission, the Board of Finance, the Coastal Harbor Commission, the first and second Charter Revision Commission, Darien Library's Board of Trustees, and the Family Counseling Service. He also served as campaign director for the Darien United Way, and recently as chairman of the Darien Senior Men's Association.

Harry Earle was also known as a passionate student of art. The ease with which he mastered this subject is a testament to his considerable talent, with his work being shown, appreciated and celebrated in his community.

Harry Earle enriched the lives of countless people as an understanding and fair manager. With his intelligence, common sense, warmth, and wisdom, he earned the respect of everyone who crossed his path. I know this because I worked for him, and had the opportunity to see Harry Earle up close. His integrity, his grace under pressure, and his professionalism were instructive to me and have shaped my thinking, my approaches and my work throughout my adult life. For all his leadership qualities and corporate distinctions, Harry Earle was grounded in his faith and his family. These were the riches of his life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this good man and extend to his magnificent family our sympathy. Harry Earle was a man of many seasons. He was a gifted leader, a great husband, a terrific father, a proud grandfather, a master sailor, and a

fabulous tennis player. He was a proud American and a decent man. How privileged I was to have known him. How blessed our nation is to have had him as a son. We are a better people because of him.

TRIBUTE TO THE PENNSAUKEN HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the hard work and effort of the Pennsauken High School Jazz Band. The Band has performed at the Inauguration of Christine Whiteman, Penns Landing in Philadelphia, Lincoln Center in New York City and various colleges and universities. They have won the Dixie Classics Championship and several other distinguished honors such as Best Rhythm Section, Best Trumpet Section, Best Trombone Section, outstanding soloist awards and many overall outstanding band awards. The Pennsauken Jazz Band secured 2nd place in the New Jersey State Finals, along with awards for the best trumpet section and rhythm section in the State. Additionally, the band has received a Superior Rating at every festival they have performed in. The members of the Spring 2000 Jazz Band are: Zachary Andrews; Frank Cuccio; Kristin Cuccio; Julia DePasquale; Anthony DiDomenico; Steven Engel; Eli Ferrer; Steven Forrest; Tim Gerard; Rob Hill; Christine Hinton; Rich Johnson; Ken Juray; Brian Kilpatrick; Nathan Kranefeld; Joe Lucidi; Jim MacKenzie; Ben Markowitz; Corey Mossop; Louis Muzyczek; Dominic Natale; Jeff Rivera; Rich Slack; Ernest Stuart; Perry Sutton; Vincent Williams. I wish you all the best and continued success in your endeavors.

IN HONOR OF 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MARY, STAR OF THE SEA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 140th Anniversary of Saint Mary, Star of the Sea. The church has served the community of Bayonne, New Jersey since 1861. Saint Mary's will celebrate its anniversary with a special dinner dance and liturgy on May 5, 2001.

Saint Mary, Star of the Sea is considered the Mother Church of Bayonne. It was founded in a small, humble church to serve the needs of Irish and German Catholic immigrants. Today, Saint Mary's resides in a beautiful Gothic style church, the cornerstone of which was laid on May 22, 1880. Construction was completed and the church was blessed on November 8, 1881.

Saint Mary's has benefited from the continuous presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, who have worked with the church since 1879, when the parish school opened. Today, the school, which offers pre-school through grade 8 instruction, has a student body of 300 children. Because of its

record of academic excellence, the school is considered one of the best in the area.

The Church recently adopted a mode of management that focuses on mission and ministry, which is called a Pastoral Council of Ministries. Under this form of management, parish ministries are clustered into four different areas: Word, Worship, Community, and Service. This will help strengthen community outreach and spiritual guidance throughout the parish. In addition, the church is focused on revitalizing existing structures and the formation and construction of a Parish Center, which would provide places for meetings and offices for parish groups. To meet its goals, two new programs have been implemented: the Stewardship Renewal process and the Treasure the Traditional Campaign. Each will help raise needed funds for growth and revitalization.

Throughout the community of Bayonne, Saint Mary's is well known for its compassion and generosity and for its involvement in the parish. Saint Mary's stands poised to continue as caretaker of the spiritual needs of the residents of Bayonne well into the new millennium.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Saint Mary, Star of the Sea, the Mother Church of Bayonne, on its 140th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MYRA OLSHANSKY

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Myra Olshansky on her retirement after 38 years of dedicated service at Olney High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her fine example of professional dedication is truly admirable.

Myra is a graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania where she received her degree in English in 1963. She has served as an English teacher, Acting Department Head, as Coordinator, Resources-in-Action Charter and the Coordinator for The Academy of Travel and Tourism, SLC. During her tenure she has taught some 10,000 students. Under Myra's direction, Olney High School has implemented a college prep program which partners Olney students with the Penn State Abington campus and this year with LaSalle University. The program has been a dramatic success.

Myra was the subject of an in-depth piece by the Philadelphia Inquirer's Today Magazine in 1982, which focused upon the daily rigors that teachers face. She was able to show the public the typical environment that one would experience in a day at Olney High.

Her dedication does not stop at the classroom but continues into her community. She is a member of the Golden Slipper Club & Charities, the West Point Parents Club of the Delaware Valley, the William Penn Charter School Community Association and the National Association of Teachers of English.

It is honor to recognize Myra Olshansky and the outstanding service she has given to the students of Olney High School. She has been

steadfast in her belief that the youth are our future. I commend her for her decades of contributions and wish her well.

NURSES MONTH

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the services and benefits provided to the island by the members of the nursing profession, Guam has designated the month of May 2001 as "Nurses Month." This proclamation has added significance for it coincides with the golden anniversary of the Guam Nurses Association (GNA).

Incorporated in 1951, GNA will mark the fiftieth year of the organization's existence on July 20 of this year. Isabella Tremor, Maria C. Flores, Joaquina Siguenza, Maria S.N. Mateo, and Maria P. Blas, the first to serve as directors of the fledgling organization, were all employees of the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH). In addition to nurses from the local mental health facility and the Naval Hospital, GNA membership today include nurses from the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Guam Department of Education, the University of Guam, the Guam Community College, home care services, private clinics, and long term care facilities. GNA membership also includes a number of retired nurses, nurses working in non-health care areas, and nurses residing outside of Guam.

A reorganization in 1968 led to GNA's entry as a constituent member of the American Nurses Association (ANA). Its first delegate, Mabelclaire Norman Dean of the School of Nursing College of Guam, attended ANA's 1968 convention in Dallas, Texas on behalf of the association's officers and members. Sister M. LeClare served as the first president of the reorganized GNA. Luz Abdece was vice-president, Veronica Camacho served as secretary and Connie Tolentino was named as Treasurer. This year, GNA marks its thirty-third year of affiliation with the ANA.

A charter member of the American Pacific Nursing Leaders Council (APLNC), GNA holds the distinction of having two of its members, Sally Tsuda and Mary Sanchez, as APLNC founding members. Founded in June 1978 in Hawaii, APLNC is another organization with which GNA retains affiliations and, for the past 22 years, actively supported.

In its fifty years of existence, GNA has evolved from a small congregation of local nurses to a professional organization which has gained both regional and national recognition. The association has worked to benefit not only its members but all who work in the health care profession and the people they serve. GNA has played a large role in maintaining the quality of healthcare on Guam. The association continually strives towards a bright future for the nursing profession on Guam.

As we celebrate "Nurses Month," we must take a moment to reflect upon the services provided by the people dedicated to the nursing profession. While the demand for nursing services continually increase nationwide, we look upon organizations such as GNA to provide the necessary guidance and direction that will enable us to cope with the needs and,

hopefully, prevent future problems on our island of Guam.

I congratulate the members, officers and board of directors of the Guam Nurses Association as they celebrate their golden anniversary. I would like to submit for the RECORD the names of the GNA's golden anniversary officers and board of directors.

Guam Nurses Association, 2001 Officers and Board of Directors: Rosita Yamashita, President; Dave Hendricks, Vice-President; Rosette Rama, Rec. Secretary; Rosalia Ligon, Treasurer/Director at Large; Tina Blas, Corr. Secretary; Glynis Almonte, Executive Director.

Directors at Large: Mary Ann Gozum, Andrea Fung, Lou Leon Guerrero, Jo Ann Toves.

Standing Committee Chairpersons: Lori Duenas (ByLaws), Perla DeLuna (Finance), Echie Macalino (Membership), Tina Blas (Newsletter), Lou Leon Guerrero (Program), Tina Blas (Annual Nurses' Celebration), Dave Hendricks (Recognition and Awards), Cecelia Santos (CNet), Ruth Gurusamy (Commission on Nursing Leadership).

HONORING THE MEN OF THE U.S.S. "BOISE"

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the brave men of the cruiser U.S.S. *Boise*, who played such an important role in helping secure freedom from oppression during the second World War. They will be gathering once again for their annual reunion in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 3, 4, and 5 of 2001. It has been 56 years since the guns fell silent across the vast stretches of the Pacific and European theaters of combat. The passing of time has thinned their ranks, but the memories of their deeds in fighting for the liberty we enjoy today will never fade.

Representative of the sacrifices of this Greatest Generation, is the late Robert Brooks of Weymouth, Massachusetts, whose wife, Eleanor, will attend this year's reunion. Robert was only 18 years old when he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1941. During the next four years, Bob and his shipmates would witness some of the most famous and horrific battles in history. The *Boise* was at Guadalcanal in 1942 and participated in the Battle of Cape Esperance, where she suffered damage from Japanese shells. She provided cover to Allied troops during the invasions of Sicily and the Italian mainland in 1943. The year 1944 found the *Boise* operating along the coast of New Guinea, and in October of 1944 she took part in the Battle of Surigao Strait, which was a part of the larger Battle of Leyte Gulf, among the greatest naval battles in history. The ship also had the honor of hosting General Douglas MacArthur for a tour of the Philippines and Borneo during June of 1945 before returning stateside in July of 1945.

After the war, Robert Brooks, like most of his shipmates, returned to the States where he lived, worked, and provided for his family on the South Shore of Boston. When our country needed them, they answered the call. They did their duty, literally saved the world, and returned home to raise their own families during one of America's greatest eras of prosperity. Their legacy is the peace, security and

opportunity of today's America. It is a gift so precious we can never repay them except by promising each other to never forget. God bless the men of the U.S.S. *Boise*, their families, and the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. STARITA,
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AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Starita, who will receive the

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) "Lifetime Achievement" Award on Saturday, May 5, 2001. Mr. Starita will receive his award at the 9th Annual Gala Dinner Dance, which is sponsored by the UCP of Hudson County, New Jersey. The Gala is an annual event that recognizes the contributions of distinguished individuals and their efforts to assist fellow community members with cerebral palsy.

Mr. Starita's involvement with the UCP began in 1973, when he joined the UCP Board of Directors. In 1985, as a result of years of hard work and dedication, his peers on the UCP Board appointed him to the position of Executive Director. During his tenure as Executive Director, Mr. Starita has increased the number of UCP therapy facilities from one to three. Through his efforts, Mr. Starita has helped the UCP vastly increase the number of

services and programs offered to children suffering from cerebral palsy.

His zeal and devotion to improving the lives of those who suffer from disabilities has earned Mr. Starita strong praise from a number of organizations and associations including the United Way of Hudson County, the A. Harry Moore School, and the Latin American Kiwanis Club of West New York. These honors, along with being a recipient of the UCP "Lifetime Achievement" Award speaks volumes about his strong character and dedication.

Today I ask that my colleagues join with me in recognizing Nick Starita for his many contributions to the community of Hudson County and to the State of New Jersey.